the Kui group, who are in the ST category, have been resisting this demand on **the** ground that they were ethnically different from the Panas.

(ii) Anti-conversion campaign conducted by some organizations created an atmosphere of prejudice and suspicion against the Christian community/organizations.

Decision on creation of Telangana State

2541. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has so far taken any decision for creation of a separate Telangana State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for an early decision by Government on Statehood for Telangana in national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter requires consultations with a view to forge a concensus. On the basis of consensus the decision in this respect will be taken.

Visas to Sikh NRIs

2542. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the existing policy of not giving visas to the Sikh NRIs who took part in protests during army attack on Golden Temple in 1984;

(b) how many people are in that list who are still being considered **not suitable to be** granted visa, the figure-wise and country-wise details thereof;

(c) how many applications for grant of visa under this category are pending in **each** country; and

(d) whether Government will have discussions with Sikh Members of **Parliament on this** issue in the Session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Representation have been received regarding problems being faced by Sikh NRIs in getting visas. The information in this regard is being collected and the matter will be duly examined.

Central funds under MPF to Gujarat

2543. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: